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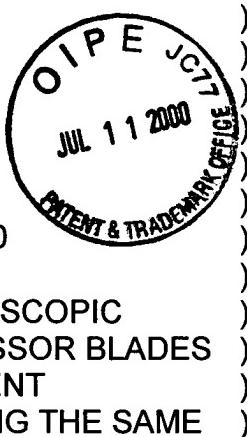
In re Application of:

Charles R. SLATER

Serial No.: 09/484,247

Filed: January 18, 2000

For: BIPOLAR ENDOSCOPIC
SURGICAL SCISSOR BLADES
AND INSTRUMENT
INCORPORATING THE SAME



Group Art Unit: 3739

Examiner: Unknown

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of time to reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated March 3, 2000. A fee of \$870.00 is enclosed.

A Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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Respectfully submitted,

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